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ATTITUDES TOWARDS ICCS--II

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1. I CALLED TODAY ON VICE FOREIGN MINISTER SPASOWSKI
AND MADE TO HIM AN ORAL STATEMENT AS INSTRUCTED IN
REF B. (I DEPARTED FROM THE LANGUAGE OF REF B ONLY
IN THE FINAL SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 6, WHICH I
ALTERED TO READ: "WE SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN
LEARNING WHAT ESTIMATE THE GOVERNMENT OF POLAND HAS
FORMED OF THE ATTITUDES OF THE DRV AND THE PRG ON THIS
QUESTION.")

2. IN RESPONSE, SPASOWSKI SAID THAT, SINCE HE HAD
BEEN ON LEAVE AT THE TIME THE DECISION WAS TAKEN TO
WITH DRAW THE TEAMS FROM LAM SON AND CU CHI, HE WAS
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ABLE TO COMMENT ON IT ONLY ON THE BASIS OF WHAT HE HAD

READ SINCE RETURNING TO HIS DESK. HE COULD, HOWEVER, TELL ME WITH FULL ASSURANCE THAT THE DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN SOLELY ON THE GROUND OF THE PHYSICAL SAFETY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE POLISH DELEGATION STATIONED AT THESE TWO PLACES. HE REFERRED TO PRZYGODZKI'S DISCUSSION OF JUNE 3 WITH THE MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF OUR SAIGON EMBASSY (REF C), SAYING THAT THE POLISH INTENTION HAD BEEN TO GIVE US WARNING AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE OF WHAT THE POLISH DELEGATION HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DO. WITH REGARD TO MY STATEMENT AND SPECIFICALLY TO THE REFERENCE TO CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN BY THE POLISH DELEGATION TO FURTHER WITHDRAWALS FROM FOUR ADDITIONAL SITES, SPASOWSKI SAID THAT THE POLES HAD NO POLICY PROVIDING FOR GRADUAL WITHDRAWALS. THE ONLY REASON FOR WITHDRAWALS WAS THE PERSONAL SECURITY OF POLISH TEAM MEMBERS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE IRANIANS HAD REMAINED AT LAM SON AND CU CHI, BUT SAID THAT THE POLES UNDERSTOOD ALL FOUR DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING THE IRANIANS AND THE INDONESIANS, WERE WORRIED ABOUT THE SECURITY SITUATION AT THE SIX SITES TO WHICH PRZYGODZKI HAD REFERRED ON JUNE 3. "IF THERE WERE TO BE AN 'ACCIDENT,'" HE SAID, "THE SITUATION WOULD BE MADE WORSE, BECAUSE THERE WOULD BE ORDERS FROM THE TOP OF OUR GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION OF THE SECURITY CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ALL THE FIELD TEAMS ARE WORKING AND LIVING AND WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT WOULD COME OUT OF THAT." "THEREFORE," HE SAID, "OUR ACTION SHOULD BE REGARDED IN THIS PERSPECTIVE."

3. SUMMING UP HIS DISCUSSIONS OF THE WITHDRAWAL FROM LAM SON AND CU CHI, SPASOWSKI SAID THAT SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS ALONE HAD CAUSED THE WITHDRAWALS. "WE REALIZE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ICCS AND WE REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE THE USG ATTACHES TO THE WORK OF THE ICCS. I WILL CONVEY YOUR ORAL STATEMENT TO ALL CONCERNED IN THIS MINISTRY AND ELSEWHERE IN THE POLISH GOVERNMENT."

4. I THEN ASKED ABOUT POLISH INTENTIONS REGARDING THE OTHER FOUR SITES REFERRED TO ON JUNE 3 BY PRZYGODZKI. SPASOWSKI SAID THAT NOTHING HAD BEEN DECIDED ABOUT WITH-
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DRAWAL FROM THESE FOUR SITES. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE OF THE ICCS HAD BEEN INVESTIGATING THE SECURITY SITUATION OF THE FIELD TEAMS FOR SOME TIME AND HAD FOUND THAT THERE WERE SIX TEAMS LOCATED IN "DANGEROUS AREAS." THE POLES HAD WITHDRAWN FROM TWO OF THESE BECAUSE THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAD FOUND THAT THERE WAS A DIRECT DANGER THERE FOR THE PERSONNEL INVOLVED. IN THESE TWO CASES,

HE SAID, THE TEAMS WERE LOCATED IN THE CENTER OF ARTILLERY UNITS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. BUT NO DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN WITH REGARD TO THE OTHER FOUR SITES. HE KNEW THAT THE IRANIAN AND INDONESIAN DELEGATIONS CONSIDERED THAT THE "DANGER IS MINIMAL" AT THESE FOUR SITES. AS FOR THE POLES, THEY WOULD BE GUIDED ONLY BY THE SECURITY OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE. IF THERE SHOULD BE FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF A WITHDRAWAL FROM THESE FOUR SITES, HE WOULD LET ME KNOW AS MUCH IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE.

5. I STRESSED THE UNDESIRABILITY OF ANY FURTHER WITHDRAWALS AND THE DESIRABILITY OF SENDING POLISH PERSONNEL BACK TO SITES PREVIOUSLY ABANDONED. SPASOWSKI WAS NONCOMMITTAL, BUT, AGAIN, SAID HE WOULD CONVEY OUR VIEWS TO ALL CONCERNED IN THE MINISTRY AND ELSEWHERE IN THE GOVERNMENT.

6. WITH REGARD TO THE BUDGET, SPASWOSKI SAID HE WOULD CHECK ON THIS, WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO THE ATTITUDES OF THE DRV AND PRG (WHICH HE REFERRED TO, NO DOUBT IN A LAPSUS LINGUAE, AS "THE TWO NORTH VIETNAMESE SIDES"), AND WOULD LET ME KNOW ABOUT IT. HE SAID HE HAD LOST TOUCH WITH THIS SUBJECT DURING HIS LEAVE AND HAD NOT HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW IT SINCE HE HAD RETURNED TO THE OFFICE.

7. SPASOWSKI SAID THAT HE HAD REVIEWED AMBASSADOR FIJALKOWSKI'S REPORT OF HIS MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR MARTIN AND BELIEVED THE MEETING TO HAVE BEEN A USEFUL ONE. I SAID I WAS GLAD HE HAD FOUND IT SO.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A REPORT ON AMBASSADOR MARTIN'S MEETING WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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FIJALKOWSKI (REF D, PARAGRAPH 7).
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